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been considered the affectionate child of the Kremlin. Indignation against Moscow, however, is manifest in Albania. Hoxha, despite his curses on Tito, is now considered wayward.

Hoxha's first warning from Moscow came when he was asked to reinforce Markos' guerrillas and was accused of negligence and "narrow-mindedness" in his mission for the first time in his life. Later, Hoxha received another and more serious warning. He was ordered to appear before the leaders of the Cominform in Moscow. However, for the first time, Hoxha disobeyed the Kremlin's orders. Furthermore, he accepted an invitation from Tito to come to Yugoslavia to discuss matters concerning the purchase of lead, manganese, and phosphorus.

Only a few days ago, Hoxha met with Mose Pijade, Tito's first associate. Pijade, the eminent theorist of the "Tito dogma," is the man holding the greatest influence over Tito. Pijade arrived in Tirana bearing definite proposals from Tito.

At this meeting Pijade proposed:

1. Reopening of the Albanian-Yugoslav borders.
2. Resumption of trade relations between Albania and Yugoslavia.
3. A Tito-Hoxha meeting at a point on the Albanian-Yugoslav border.

When Moscow was informed of these Yugoslav proposals, Vishinsky, who was in New York at the UN General Assembly, met privately with Kardelj, the Yugoslav representative and Minister of Foreign Affairs. The next day, the fireworks began. A telegram was dispatched from Moscow to Tirana. The Kremlin accused Hoxha of being a traitor to Communism. Hoxha was asked to resign immediately from his position as chief of staff of the Albanian Army and to substitute someone else. Hoxha, however, had no desire to resign. He answered Moscow, through his representative, that he has always remained faithful to the People's Democracies and that he is willing to repent.

This is how the situation stands at present.

Will Moscow be satisfied with an academic manifestation of repentance instead of a resignation? It is very doubtful. Hoxha will probably not hesitate at a chance to obtain more power and authority, even if he has to follow Tito's example.

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